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NEW TRAINING OUTLINE TAILORED TO MILITARY MODERNIZATION

Beijing JIEFANGJUN BAO in Chinese 8 Feb 81 p 1

[Article: "General Staff Department Approves and Issues Training Outline"]

[Text] Editor's note: The military training outline issued by the General Staff Department is based upon the strategic policy of the Military Commission of the CCP Central Committee, and was formulated on the basis of the existing equipment, on synthesizing our army's military qualities, and on assimilating the experiences of the war of self-defensive counterattack against Vietnam and the results of reforming the training of units. The content of the new outline is rich, the key points stand out, and it embodies quite well the features of modern warfare. It comprises the laws and regulations for the training of every unit of the army, and is the basic foundation for organizing and carrying out training. In the new annual training program, leaders and organizations at all levels, especially the leaders and departments in charge of training, must conscientiously study the new outline, grasp the essence of the outline, be clear about the outline's specific formulations, and, proceeding from the reality in their unit, thoroughly implement the outline by suiting measures to local conditions and tasks, so that the training work will be further standardized.

To further adapt to and strengthen the requirements for modernizing our armed forces, to improve the combat ability of troops under modern conditions, the General Staff Department recently approved and issued a military training outline, which has already been sent to one unit after another for a tryout.

This training outline, based on the strategic policy and guiding ideology on combat of the Military Commission of the party Central Committee, proceeding from the requirements of a future war against aggression, and based on our army's existing equipment, conscientiously draws on our army's combat experience, especially the experience of the war of self-defensive counterattack against Vietnam, and on the results of the training reform in units in recent years. In the process of writing the outline, the commission adopted the method of integrating the higher and lower levels to jointly research and write it. In the outline, there are clear provisions

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for the guiding ideology, content, demands, and methods of training; rules and regulations for training; and the training duties of leaders at all levels. The outline is the fundamental basis for organizing and carrying out training.

The General Staff Department urges all units, organizations and troops, especially cadres and key members in charge of training work, to conscientiously study the outline, and, according to the tasks of units and regional characteristics, to truly organize and carry out training according to the principles and demands stipulated by the outline, suiting measures to local conditions, and also, in the practice of training, to make a point of discovering problems, summing up experiences, and putting forward suggestions for revision.

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NEW FIELD KITCHEN PASSES OPERATIONAL TEST

Beijing JIEFANGTJUN BAO in Chinese 10 Feb 81 p 1

[Article by Chen Yaping [7115 0068 1627]: "New-Type Field Kitchen Tested in Frigid Northeast"]

[Text] On 15 January, when the officers and men of an organic infantry battalion of a certain regiment was engaged in a winter operational test in the Lesser Xing'an [Khingan] Mountains at an extremely ice- and snow-covered position, they ate a savory, warm noon meal prepared by a field kitchen developed by the Supply Research Institute of the General Logistics Department.

Proceeding from the existing economic conditions of our country, the Supply Research Institute and the Equipment Research Center of the General Logistics Department in the second half of last year set about developing a field kitchen in order to improve the cooking in our army. At the beginning of January this year, comrades of the Supply Research Institute took a sample of the kitchen to the northeast frontier to test it with the troops under frigid conditions. This field kitchen insures the supply of hot meals to battalion-level organizations. On the basis of using it together with existing field kitchen equipment, 10 new pieces of equipment were added. With the exception of a portable tent, all equipment for this field kitchen is packed in 12 containers. It supplies 2 days of provisions for an entire battalion and can be transported in two vehicles. During meal preparation, the kitchen equipment can either be concentrated in one place or divided between two or three places. The special features of the kitchen are: first, it can make full use of existing equipment; second, it lightens the burden on the kitchen staff; third, with the variety of kitchen equipment in the complete set, wheaten food, cooked rice, fried dishes, and soups can be prepared; fourth, it can lessen the burden on company commanders; and fifth, it can reduce the kitchen staff's labor strength. The field kitchen is also equipped with 18 soft thermal bags, which solves the problem of sending hot meals and preserving their heat, under frigid conditions, to the troops.

The 16 members of this battalion's kitchen staff are divided into a main cooking team, a secondary cooking team, and a service team. The service team sets up three portable tents in a period of 10 to 20 minutes. Each team, through close coordination, prepares hot meals for over 300 persons in 1.5 hours. Then they pack the meals in the thermal bags and send them by vehicles to the companies. Under conditions of 30 degrees below zero centigrade, the meals maintain a temperature of

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above 70 degrees centigrade for 1 hour 20 minutes. After this test, the cadres and fighters said that this kind of field kitchen meets operational requirements. The research institute has left this field kitchen with the unit for continued tests in order to further improve it.

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SUB DETACHMENT COMMANDER SETS RECORD FOR CRUISE DURATION

Beijing JIEFANGJUN BAO in Chinese 14 Feb 81 p 1

[Article by staff reporter Luo Tongsong [5012 0681 2646]: "He likes To Be a Pioneer"]

[Text] The submarine gracefully moored at the dock.

Detachment Commander Xu Zhiming [6079 1807 2494] with vigorous strides descended from the control tower and was immediately surrounded by a welcoming crowd. "Detachment commander, you are really terrific: to be far out at sea for so many days and still to be in ruddy health!" "You are a real pioneer!" Xu Zhiming, leading a submarine on a long-distance cruise test, had just set the record for the longest cruise by a submarine of our country's navy.

In 1959, Xu Zhiming was transferred to take part in the People's Navy's pioneering work. Studying diligently, he overcame one by one each tactical and technical difficulty. By 1963, he had become an outstanding submarine captain. The tempering of hard living over a long period of time gave him a fearless nature; no matter what difficult problem arose, he bravely challenged it.

On 15 November 1979, JIEFANGJUN BAO reported in a lead item: a certain submarine detachment has successfully tested angle-change firing of torpedoes. This innovation was accomplished by the unit led by Xu Zhiming. He also led his unit in studying and training in the difficult tactical and technical topics of a submerged submarine passing through an antisubmarine net, the underwater transport of reconnaissance soldiers, and coordinated attacks by submarines and the air arm. He stands up under the pain of one failure after another and enjoys the joy of one success after another.

Xu Zhiming is now engaged in testing a new topic--tactical mass drills.

One day not long ago, black clouds rolled over the sea and waves were running high. Xu Zhiming commanded a submarine group that left the dock. The submarines followed each other out of the harbor. Another tactical group drill had begun. As the submarine he was on reached the harbor mouth, a land signal station flashed this signal light message: "Smooth sailing!"

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PROFICIENCY WITH WEAPONS AT HAND WILL OFFSET ENEMY'S SUPERIORITY

Beijing JIEFANGJUN BAO in Chinese 14 Feb 81 p 2

[Article by staff special commentator: "Place Emphasis on Proficient Use of Existing Equipment"]

[Text] In ancient and modern Chinese and foreign military history, there is no lack of precedents in which a military force with backward weapons and equipment has defeated a military force with advanced weapons and equipment. Admittedly, in these victories, there were many-sided factors--ingenious strategy and tactics, proper organizational command, brave fighting by officers and men, and advantages in weather, terrain, or soldiers--but without exception, they were closely connected with proficiency in the use of the weapons and equipment at hand.

In ancient times, a warrior who was highly skilled in the martial arts could, with his bare hands, vanquish an opponent armed with a dagger, spear, sword, or halberd. In "Water Margin," the skilled stone-slinger Zhang Qing, "without an arrow in his quiver," used small stones to knock down, one by one, such brave heroes as Lin Chong, Lu Zhishen, and Wu Song. In the closing years of the Qing dynasty, the skilled and bold Yihetuan [Boxers], in the battles to defend Lanfang and Zichulin, used daggers, spears, clubs, and cudgels, to repulse one after another many assaults by the Eight-Power Allied Forces armed with foreign rifles and cannon. With millet plus rifles, our army defeated foreign and domestic enemies equipped with airplanes and large artillery pieces and became famous in China and abroad. Thus, we see that superb martial arts and consummate techniques can make up for deficiencies in weapons and equipment and can narrow the gap between the enemy's superiority and our inferiority.

Today, the times are different, and there has occurred a change in the object of our military operations. The enemy we face possesses the most advanced weapons and equipment, and we are doubtlessly placed in a position of inferiority. However, if only our commanders and fighters are able to see the reality of the enemy and ourselves, learn from the experience of history, bravely probe into tactics, and boldly develop techniques, then they certainly can, under conditions of using backward equipment, find methods to vanquish the enemy.

"Backward equipment cannot be used to fight a modern war"--this is a fairly popular statement. This statement reflects some unsound views. So-called modern warfare means warfare under modern conditions. It includes the two sides fighting a war

with each using the most advanced weapons and equipment and also ordinary conventional weapons. The facts will certainly not be as some people imagine, viz, that modern war is only a competition on the battlefield between sophisticated weapons and the victor can be decided by pushing buttons. With the development of military science, guided missiles, nuclear weapons, space weapons, lasers and meteorological weapons have appeared, and tanks and aircraft are widely used. Admittedly, this has increased to an unprecedented extent, the unexpectedness and destructiveness of war, and the capacity to fight at long range has been greatly increased, all of which has had a major effect on the course and outcome of campaigns and battles; but we certainly cannot say that ordinary conventional weapons will not be used and that close combat and night combat are obsolete. No matter whether it is us or the enemy, the objective of attack is always to capture one hilltop after another, and the objective of defense is always to defend tenaciously one position after another. And the key to capturing hilltops and defending positions is close combat which depends on displaying the power of close-combat weapons. This means that along with advanced means of transportation such as the airplane and railroad trains, one still must have domestic animals; along with electronic computers, one must still learn how to calculate with an abacus. Compared with the products of advanced military science and technology, some of this equipment looks very primitive and very simple and crude, but in practice they are indispensable and cannot be ignored. Under specific conditions, backward weapons and equipment can even play a role that advanced weapons and equipment cannot. In the world today, although the Soviet and American armies are among the best and are highly modernized, these armies still make conventional weapons the most basic equipment for training. Take antitank operations for instance. They pay attention in training to the use of tanks against tanks, aircraft against tanks, and guided missiles and nuclear weapons against tanks. At the same time, they also pay an extreme amount of attention in training to the use of light infantry weapons and conveniently manufactured equipment against tanks. The Soviet army demands that all of its rank- and file soldiers learn how to use light weapons against a tank's aiming and observation instruments, to use hand grenades, antitank mines, satchel charges, and rocket launchers against tanks, and it even trains the soldiers to jump on top of a tank, cover its observation instrument with a raincoat or smash it with a hammer. The American army demands that its antitank guided missile operators also learn how to use rocket launchers, master basic demolition techniques, learn how to erect antitank barriers and use antitank mines, and learn how to make and use simple antitank equipment. If the Soviet and American armies, with their already considerably modernized weapons and equipment, are still doing this, we have even less reason to ignore training with the equipment at hand.

In comparison with those of the main object of a future war, our army's weapons and equipment is backward, but they are certainly not backward to an unparalleled degree, and even less are they backward to the degree that they cannot be used to fight a war. With regard to this point, we must make a correct analysis and have a clear-headed understanding. Beginning in the 1950's, our army developed from a single service arm to a combined arms force composed of all service arms. Speaking of the kinds of weapons and equipment that the enemy has--aircraft, artillery, tanks, warships, guided missiles, nuclear weapons, etc--our army, by and large, has all of them; it is only that their quantity and quality are not up to those of the enemy. This is not a position of backwardness like that of the years in which the Yihetuan equipped with broadswords and spears faced the Eight-Power Allied Forces equipped

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with rifles and cannon, and neither is it like the position of inferiority in the past when our army equipped with millet plus rifles faced enemies equipped with aircraft plus artillery. We possess a definite material basis for defeating the enemy, and we must not underestimate our own capabilities. In the 1960's, our air force with ordinary fighter planes shot down American high-altitude reconnaissance planes that were performing satisfactorily, our navy with torpedo boats sunk the Chiang clique's submarine chasers, and our ground forces used old-type antitank mines to blow up Soviet T-62 tanks. We can see that the skillful mastery and use of existing weapons and equipment can mean the good conduct of and victory in war under modern conditions.

Does placing stress on the proficient use of existing equipment mean we will not modernize our weapons and equipment? Obviously not. The problem is that when it is necessary to modernize our equipment we need a process. At present, our state finances are in the red, our people are in difficulties, the entire national economy is in a period of further readjustment, and we cannot spend more money to improve our army's weapons and equipment. Added to this are the restrictions imposed by our scientific and technological level and our production's technological level, which mean that we cannot be overanxious for quick results and expect to modernize overnight our army's weapons and equipment. There is a saying in our China, viz, "Fit the appetite to the dishes and the dress to the figure," i.e., adapt oneself to circumstances. There is also an old saying in our armed forces, viz, "Fight a war with whatever weapons you have." The meaning of this is that, in handling affairs and thinking of problems, we must always face reality, seek truth from facts, and in everything proceed from reality. The reality before us is that, with regard to weapons and equipment, the gap between the enemy's superiority and our inferiority is very big, and that this gap cannot be fundamentally changed within a short period of time. Under these conditions, we cannot sit back and wait until our equipment is modernized before we train for and fight a war, but we should place emphasis on the proficient use of the existing equipment in training for and fighting a war. In fact, since history began, when two armies waged war against each other, the side with inferior equipment never waited until its equipment had been completely improved before meeting the enemy's attack. We are not reconciled to the backwardness of our weapons and equipment, but we also must train for and fight a war with the existing equipment--this is the correct conclusion.

The key to placing emphasis on the proficient use of existing equipment, when all is said and done, is to make a great effort to learn, to study assiduously, and to work hard at training. A common saying is: "The skill in wielding the 18 kinds of weapons, i.e., the skill in various types of combat, depends on training." Much training can produce skill, much training can lead to skill offsetting one's lack of acumen, much training can lead to superb skill and a good command one's occupational specialty, and much training can make soldiers brave and strong. Particularly in modern warfare, we cannot match the enemy in weapons and equipment. This situation requires that we redouble our efforts in training hard and mastering the skills of using weapons and equipment better than the enemy, and make plans better than the enemy. Some people say: "What skills have been acquired by training with the existing equipment?"

Actually, this is not so, Comrades familiar with the situation obtaining in the troops' current training know that, after the smashing of the "gang of four," big

results have been achieved in troop training, but there still exist many problems with regard to existing equipment. For example, correcting for wind direction when using the 40-mm rocket launcher is still an old, big, and difficult problem armywide. Admittedly, this kind of problem has a bearing on the performance of weapons and equipment, but it is mainly a problem of poor training, inadequate techniques, and not attaining proficiency in their use. It must be borne in mind that it will not be easy to become proficient in the use of existing equipment and that this cannot be done without a lot of hard work and sweat. From the mastery of the rifle and hand grenade to the operation of technical equipment like aircraft, warships, and guided missiles, every movement and essential point has a definite standard and scientific basis, and there must be thorough tempering in all of them before a high degree of proficiency can be obtained. If, in peacetime, we master the use of existing equipment, when war breaks out we can have a high degree of proficiency and handle the equipment very efficiently so that the victories on the battlefield will be big and our casualties small. Practice in the war of self-defense counterattack against Vietnam completely proved this point.

The proficient use of existing equipment is even more important for commanders. Some people feel that "to master weapons and equipment is mainly a concern for the fighters and is not of much concern for cadres." This idea is extremely one-sided. The fighters are the ones who directly operate the weapons and equipment, and their proficiency in the use of their weapons has an important effect on victory in war, but this certainly does not mean that cadres do not need to become proficient in the use of existing weapons and equipment. On the contrary, the cadres should become even more skilled and proficient in their use. From the point of view of training, the fighters' mastery of weapons and equipment depends on the cadres' instruction; from the point of view of combat, the fighters' role is displaying their techniques cannot be separated from the command of the cadres. In particular, the commander of a combined arms force not only must be proficient in the use of his own unit's weapons and equipment, but also must be familiar with what strength can be obtained from the weapons and equipment of other service arms; not only must know well their tactical and technical performance, but also must understand the principles of their application. In this way, the weapons and equipment can be put into position, brought together, and combined. If this is not done, it will be very difficult to display the whole power of the weapons and equipment and their coordinated operations. In the history of our country, everybody is familiar with the story of how the famous military strategist, Sun Bin, helped Tianji win a horse race against King Wei of Qi state by advising him to "pit your slowest team of four horses against his fastest team, your fastest team against his medium-fast team, and your medium-fast team against his slowest team." The secret was that Sun Bin knew the strength of the horses, and he deployed them properly and used them skillfully. It can be seen from this that, for a commander, a big factor in securing victory is to be extremely knowledgeable about and adept in using the existing equipment.

Like other things, the mastery of weapons and equipment is a process of proceeding from the simple to the complex, from the lower level to the higher level. The complex is contained in the simple, the higher level stands on the lower level. Modernized weapons and equipment were developed on the basis of existing weapons and equipment. There is a big difference between them, but there is also a mutual relationship. In this sense, only by proficiently mastering existing weapons and

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equipment can we lay a firm foundation and create conditions for the mastery of modernized weapons in the future. If only the entire army, from top to bottom, gets to work on this together, with everybody using their brains to think of ways of proficiently using the existing equipment, really training every day with the weapons at hand, regularly training in the skills of killing the enemy, working with perseverance, and keeps improving, then the army certainly can train so that it will be able to defeat a superior force with an inferior force and obtain the skills of fighting a modern war.

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OVER 800 LEI FENG ACTIVISTS EMERGE AMONG SHENYANG ENGINEERS

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[Article by Jia Hua [0328 5478] et al.: "A Great Development of the Lei Feng Spirit; 'Flowers of Civilization' Appear Everywhere in the Barracks"]

[Text] On 15 February, from a meeting to exchange experiences in learning from Lei Feng held by the engineers of the Shenyang Units, where Lei Feng was stationed when alive, came good news: In the past year, 864 activists in learning from Lei Feng have emerged among the engineers. This was the 18th batch of activists in learning from Lei Feng which has emerged among the engineers of the Shenyang Units since the party Central Committee and Comrade Mao Zedong issued the call "Learn from Comrade Lei Feng."

In the period of time since then, the party committees at all levels of these engineers have resisted the unhealthy trend toward negating the revolutionary spirit, integrated education in the revolutionary outlook on life, and organized the masses of cadres and soldiers to review the advanced deeds of Lei Feng and the calls by Comrade Mao Zedong and other proletarian revolutionaries of the older generation to learn from Comrade Lei Feng. Some units have also launched a discussion on "whether it is necessary to develop the Lei Feng spirit while engaging in the four modernizations." Each unit has adopted the forms of experience-exchange meetings, public lectures, story-telling sessions, slide shows, art exhibitions, blackboard newspapers, and literary and art performances to penetratingly publicize Lei Feng's revolutionary spirit of being clear about what to hate and what to love, keeping one's word, being selfless, being oblivious to one's own safety, engaging in arduous struggle, and finding it a pleasure to help others; to publicize the importance of developing the revolutionary spirit in establishing socialist ethics and habits and in constructing the four modernizations in good fashion; and to publicize the advanced models among the engineers in learning from Lei Feng and in making contributions to the construction of the four modernizations, so that the cadres and fighters will quickly strengthen their resolve to learn from Comrade Lei Feng under the new historical conditions and will further establish a new style of learning from Lei Feng in order to contribute to a high tide in constructing and defending the four modernizations.

Among the large batch of activists in learning from Lei Feng who have emerged, there are advanced models who, like Lei Feng, ardently love the party, who support the party's line and its general and specific policies with concrete actions, and who consciously put the individual's interests at the service of the revolution's

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interests. The current leader of the "Lei Feng squad," Song Ruobo [1345 5387 3134], is a veteran fighter of 4 years' service and all along he has been nurtured by the company to become a cadre. But the leadership, because of work requirements, did not transfer him to the training unit for study. Someone said to him: "In the past 10 years the leaders of the 'Lei Feng squad' have all been promoted to cadre, but you have lost out by taking this post." He replied: "One doesn't become the leader of the 'Lei Feng squad' in order to 'benefit from association with it' but in order to 'do one's best, however little it might be.' Lei Feng did so many good things for the people, yet when he sacrificed his life he was still a 'sergeant.' I want, like him, to be a compulsory serviceman who serves the people heart and soul." He still, as in the past, enthusiastically does good work in the squad and leads all its members to do good things for the local masses, and at the end of the year he was again elected a Lei Feng activist. Among the activists elected this time, there were many persons who, like Lei Feng, arduously studied the techniques of their military occupations for the sake of the revolution and who are striving to become fighters who are both Red and expert. Huang Lingxiang [7806 0407 4382], a fighter of a certain engineering regiment, entered the service as recently as 1977, when he was assigned to do preparation and experiemntal work on liquid explosives. Not fearing difficulties, while taking part in the work of preparing and testing liquid explosives for 3 years, he carried forward the "nail" spirit, and studied by himself the specialized theoretical knowledge of higher mathematics, organic chemistry, and explosives theory and the Japanese and English languages, read and studied some Chinese and foreign technical materials, and took part in the compilation of a technical report on five experiments. In December of last year, the academic committee of a certain research institute appraised the part he wrote in the technical report as up to the standard of a state technician.

Among the over 800 activists in learning from Lei Feng, there are even more who are models in the communist style of finding pleasure in helping others. At different posts they have learned from Lei Feng a new work style and made a great effort to be pioneers in constructing the socialist spiritual civilization. Platoon leader Tao Guochang [7118 0948 7022], of the 2d Company of a certain pontoon bridge regiment, last year took his entire platoon to Yuanju ward of Dandong city, where, while doing guard duty and patrolling in order to protect public order, they bravely and resourcefully dealt a blow to the criminal activities of lawbreakers. He organized all members of his platoon, during the times between being on guard duty, to hold the old by the arm and the young by the hand, to push carts and give up their seats on buses to others, to repair roads, and fill ditches, to remove rubbish, and to help working couples and solitary old people by buying things for them, and helped factories by hauling bricks and unloading goods, etc., doing a great deal of good works. Under the influence of their model behavior, the social atmosphere of the entire neighborhood underwent a big change, and the masses have warmly commended them for bringing a civilized style to the neighborhood.

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GENERAL POLITICAL DEPARTMENT ISSUES CIRCULAR ON LEI FENG ACTIVITY

Beijing JIEFANGJUN BAO in Chinese 24 Feb 81 p 1

[Article: "People Are Talking About Spiritual Civilization, Each One Striving to Become a Lei Feng-Style Revolutionary Armyman"]

[Text] The General Political Department recently issued throughout the army a "circular on launching a deepgoing activity to learn from Lei Feng, to learn from heroic models, and to build a highly developed socialist spiritual civilization." The circular stresses: The launching of this deepgoing activity is of major significance for smoothly and thoroughly implementing the major policy put forward by the party Central Committee with regard to realizing further economic readjustment and further political stability, for nurturing the younger generation to be successors to the cause of proletarian revolution, for carrying forward our party's and our army's fine traditions, for strengthening the building of modernized revolutionary armed forces, and for improving our army's combat effectiveness.

The circular says that recently the party Central Committee instructed that publicity on a grand scale must be given to the building of a highly developed socialist spiritual civilization. The all-army political work conference raised demands in this regard. This year on 5 March is the 18th anniversary of the call to learn from Lei Feng issued by Comrade Mao Zedong and other revolutionaries of the older generation. At present, to launch a deepgoing activity to learn from Lei Feng, to learn from heroic models, and to build a highly developed socialist spiritual civilization is an important measure in carrying out the Central Committee's instruction and the spirit of the all-army political work conference.

The circular urges that there be vigorous publicizing of the major significance of learning from Lei Feng and learning from him in the new situation, learning from heroic models, and building a highly developed socialist spiritual civilization. The broad masses of officers and men must be educated to deeply understand that Lei Feng was a great communist fighter nurtured to maturity by Marxism-Leninism-Mao Zedong Thought. The spirit of Lei Feng and the ideology and moral character of many, many heroic models embodies in a concentrated fashion the highly developed socialist spiritual civilization and are vivid teaching materials for building the spiritual civilization. Each unit must employ many forms of this activity--e.g., holding public lectures, symposiums, experience-exchange meetings, and soirees, running blackboard newspapers and wall newspapers, and organizing book-reading and newspaper-reading sessions--thereby making the mobilization and educational work

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lively and down-to-earth. The cadres must be organized in a planned way to read "The Story of Lei Feng," "Selections From Lei Feng's Diary," and "The Story of Lei Feng" and to study Comrade Mao Zedong's "Serve the People," "In Memory of Norman Bethune," "The Foolish Old Man Who Removed the Mountains," and "Combat Liberalism," to study Comrade Liu Shaoqi's "How to Be a Good Communist," as well as the expositions of other revolutionaries of the older generation concerning the establishment of communist ideals and ethics. They can also select from and study relevant expositions by Marx, Engels, Lenin, and Stalin. This will further raise awareness with regard to ideological theory. In launching this activity, they must further strengthen education on the four basic principles and on the party's line and its general and specific policies since the 3d Plenary Session of its [11th] Central Committee. They must continue to criticize the attacks on and distortions of the spirit of Lei Feng and Communist ideology and ethics made by Lin Biao and the "gang of four." They must rebut all sorts of mistaken opinions that negate revolutionary slogans, such as "Don't seek the slightest advantage for oneself but strive to benefit others" and "Fear neither hardship nor death," and clarify such confused ideas as "Lei Feng's spirit is outdated" and "If one learns from Lei Feng one will suffer losses."

The circular also urges that the focal point in launching the activity be the basic level, and that the tasks of all military occupations and professions must be integrated, and that the strengthening of the building of basic-level party branches and of CYL work must be integrated. The party branches and the CYL branches must make concrete plans and take practical measures to commend the advanced and to set good examples. Party members and CYL members must play the leading role in doing well in this activity. Political organizations at all levels, especially the regimental political organizations, must strengthen their concrete leadership in supervising and speeding up this activity and in summing up and popularizing experiences; leading cadres at all levels must teach by personal example as well as verbal instruction, earnestly practice what they advocate, and continually deepen this activity. The newspapers and periodicals of units must create a large amount of public opinion for learning from Lei Feng, learning from heroic models, and building a spiritual civilization; they must vigorously publicize the spirit of Lei Feng and the advanced ideology and deeds of Lei Feng-type cadres and fighters in every occupation and profession in the army. The literary and art workers in the units must create more works--novels, dramas, folk art forms, poems, songs, and paintings--that reflect noble sentiments and are beneficial to the building of a highly developed socialist spiritual civilization. Through this activity the spirit of Lei Feng will strike more roots in people's hearts, everybody in the army will begin to talk about spiritual civilization, and there will be a high tide of each and every person striving to become Lei Feng-type revolutionary army men.

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ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN SAVES MONEY FOR STATE

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[Article by staff correspondent Li Yuchang [7812 3768 2490] and staff reporter Zheng Zongqun [6774 1350 5028]: "Young Technician Xiao Jing by Diligent Self-Study Becomes 'Local Expert'"]

[Text] "Struggle arduously in life, quietly immerse oneself in work." This is the motto of young technician Xiao Jing [5135 2529] of a signal engineer battalion of the Fuzhou Units. For 3 years he has assiduously studied his military occupational specialty, repairing 940 pieces (sets) of electronic instruments and devices used in training the units for preparedness against war and saving the state over 200,000 yuan in maintenance costs.

In 1976, Xiao Jing joined the army and came to the repair shop of the signal engineer battalion. Faced with complicated electronic instruments, he resolved to make a great effort to master the technology of his occupational speciality. His life is simple and he never carelessly spends a cent, but in buying job-related books he doesn't stint in the least. Besides subscribing to the magazines RADIO, ELECTRONIC WORLD, AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, he has bought over 130 books related to his job and uses every bit of spare time in self-study. For several years he has completed by self-study a university course in electronics, and took the opportunity of business trips and visits to his family to seek to learn more skills from his former teachers and to obtain solutions to knotty problems.

Owing to diligent self-study, he has gradually mastered the techniques of maintaining in good repair every kind of signal communications instrument and has become a "local expert" who stands out from his fellows engaged in the same work in the Fuzhou Units. The quality of his maintenance and innovation on some instruments is quite good. For example, take the M-17 frequency-selection electronic plane measurement instrument [M-17 xing xuan-pin dian ping ceshiyi 0092 6693 7340 7193 1627 3261 6107 0308]. Its bulk was cumbersome and its quality low, and it frequently broke down. After many tests, Xiao Jing successfully developed a new measuring instrument, greatly reduced in bulk and weighing 1 jin as compared to the other instruments' 90 jin. Moreover, the power supply for the instrument was changed from alternating electrical current to passive circuitry, so that it can be used where there is no electrical power supply. The manufacturing cost for the new instrument as opposed to the original instrument fell from 13,000 yuan to 30 yuan. After trial-use for nearly 1 year, it was proved that the instrument's design was rational and its performance good.

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Xiao Jing frequently goes to work sites to do rush repairs on instruments, forsaking food and sleep. Once, just as the 5th Company was laying underground cable at a certain place six instruments broke down. After receiving this assignment, he worked 46 hours in succession and repaired all the instruments. In August of last year, his unit was equipped with a batch of instruments imported from abroad and, in order to put these advanced instruments as quickly as possible into the service of the modernization of national defense signal communications, Xiao Jing worked extra shifts and extra hours to translate the data and written materials concerning them, to find out their operational laws, and also took in hand and taught the work personnel of concerned units how to use them. In the past 2 years, Xiao Jing has taken the initiative, for his own unit and fraternal units, to train five signal electronic instruments technicians.

Xiao Jing's cultivation of his talent through self-study in order to accelerate the achievements in modernizing the signal communications of his unit has been commended by his comrades. In May 1978, he had the honor of being admitted into the party and after 1 year he was promoted to the rank of technician.

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BRIEFS

CRACK INSTRUCTOR GROUP--The artillery regiment of a certain division of the Beijing Units has organized some comrades who are comparatively expert in military affairs to use their spare time to study and provide new methods for good training. The companies call them a "brain trust" that provides timely help. Most of the eight members of this "brain trust" were trained in military academies and schools and are familiar with the existing equipment in artillery units and furthermore possess a certain amount of experience in organizing training. For over 2 months, they have made over 10 suggestions for good training. For example, focusing on the idea reflected by "a modern war cannot be fought with the existing equipment," they have collected materials on specific battles, both by Chinese and foreign armies, in which an inferior force defeated a superior force, and have suggested that each company analyze and study "whether one is proficient in the weapons at hand" and "what existing training methods need to be reformed." Also, in line with the degree of difficulty in special techniques, they suggested provisions for suitably shortening or extending the number of training days; based on the special strengths of artillery and its characteristic of requiring mutual coordination, they suggested that the special establishment for training be changed from the former system, in which the company was the unit, to a system in which the battalion is the unit. In addition, they have separately gone to battalions to help instructors prepare classes and compile teaching materials. With the "brain trust" continually offering advice and suggestions, the regiment's basic training has attained gratifying results. On 20 February, the higher level made a preliminary check and acceptance examination in which the regiment's results were rated good and above. [Text] [Beijing JIEFANGJUN BAO in Chinese 24 Feb 81 p 2]

FIGHTER PLANE TRAINING--Two combat regiments of a certain air division of the Nanjing Units air force mutually help and learn from each other in training, and have separately obtained first and second place in the firing examination for air force fighter plane units and have been collectively cited for meritorious service, first and second class. In a circular issued on 6 February, the air force commended them. Regiment B, which in team total points placed second, obtained first and third places, with the company as the unit in fighter plane units, during an air force firing and bombing competition in 1978. This time, when the competition in cannon firing at ground targets began, one pilot scored 27 points. Regiment A was unwilling to be left behind; its pilot Zhao Haichen [6392 3189 1820] scored 43 points, breaking Regiment B's record. After Regiment B learned of Regiment A's good results, its commander, Yin Chenglin [1438 2110 2651], immediately went to

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Regiment A and requested instructions in the main points of its methods. Without the slightest reservation, Regiment A briefed him on its experiences. Regiment B then immediately organized its pilots to hold a discussion and found out problems universally existing in the regiment, such as poor equilibrium while piloting planes and inaccurate data concerning corrections for sidewinds. The regiment and battalion leaders one by one helped the pilots to overcome their technical difficulties. Regiment B then obtained good results in firing rockets at ground targets; when Regiment A heard about this achievement, it took the initiative to learn from Regiment B's experience. Mutually helping and learning from each other, these two regiments fly wing to wing. In the competition results, Regiment A's average individual score was 1289.3, placing first; Regiment B's average individual score was 1188.6, placing second. [Text] [Beijing JIEFANGJUN BAO in Chinese 24 Feb 81 p 1]

SOLDIERS RELEASED FOR TRAINING--A certain garrison division of the Guangzhou Units, cherishing its soldiers as a treasure, has deeply tapped latent potentialities so that 97 percent of the companies will receive comprehensive training this year. In January, when the divisional party committee was drawing up the training tasks, each of the subordinate regiments asked how the companies were to handle the construction and production tasks. The divisional party committee appointed the leading cadres who are in charge of military training work to lead a work team into the units and make an investigation, after which the committee made a decision: Construction work that exceeds objective conditions and is outside the plan will definitely not be done, construction projects that are not urgent at present will as much as possible be considered for the future, and soldiers will not be assigned special work on projects that can be done in their spare time. Based on this guiding thought, the committee canceled two projects outside the plan and changed three projects originally called for by the plan to ones that would be done in the soldiers' spare time, thereby allowing five companies to receive comprehensive training in turn. With regard to a small farm along the beach run by a certain regiment, the committee, proceeding from reality, improved its production management methods, and drew from several companies a small number of personnel to divide up the work of joint management, and withdrew the reconnaissance company that had been responsible for production tasks and put it into training. Over 150 fighters last year were engaged in production in the division's farms. This year, by scientifically arranging for fish rearing, pig feeding, and sugarcane planting, 28 soldiers were withdrawn from the farms back to their companies to take part in training. [Text] [Beijing JIEFANGJUN BAO in Chinese 24 Feb 81 p 2]

LOGISTICS FOR TRAINING--On 6 February, two trucks were driven into the remote bivouac area of the 4th Battalion. Hearing the sounds, the fighters went to meet the trucks and helped to unload medicines, beancurd, paper, equipment, flour and other goods and materials. This was the first delivery to the battalion's companies by the logistical department of a certain unit in order to insure supplies for the companies' new annual training program. To insure that the new annual training program gets off to a good start, the leaders of the regiment had, integrating with the basic level, suggested to the logistical department that it overcome the work style of "putting on airs, not going down to the companies, and finding it to be too much trouble to make deliveries to the 'front door.'" Personnel of each section of the logistics department resolved to do many good things for the companies. Before training began, they dispatched two trucks with urgently needed goods and materials

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to the 4th Battalion, which was separated by an 8-li road from its parent organization. Comrades of the ordnance, ordnance repair, and medical sections also went to each company and handed out the goods and materials, repaired equipment, and helped to solve actual problems. [Text] [Beijing JIEFANGJUN BAO in Chinese 24 Feb 8 p 2]

TRAINING TARGETS LOWERED--At the beginning of February, the party committee of a certain regiment of the Shenyang Units reconsidered the new annual training plan and decided, proceeding from the reality of the unit, to act according to the unit's capability and to lower some targets that had been set too high. When studying the relevant documents of the central authorities, the committee linked the high targets for training set last year to the fact that in the yearend test the 1st Battalion only reached half the targets and that the 2d and 3d battalions did not completely reach the targets. The committee members felt that, under the influence of the leftist ideology in the past, in training work, as in other work, it became a habit to set high targets divorced from reality, with the result that the enthusiasm of the masses for training was dampened and the quality of the training was adversely affected. Therefore, the committee organized the leading cadres and the comrades concerned in the regiment to investigate the new annual training plan and to solicit the opinions of cadres and fighters. The plan and its targets were then revised. The original plan called for the 1st Battalion, as the other battalions, to reach a target of 50 percent in the "three proficiencies." The committee noted that over the recent 2 years the 1st Battalion had been engaged in construction work so that its training foundation was weak, while the other battalions had been training for over 2 years. Obviously the target for the 1st Battalion were set too high, and the committee lowered it to 30 percent. The number of instrument training exercises for new soldiers was reduced from the original 1-5 to 1-3. The target for the average results of new soldiers in rifle training exercises was lowered from excellent to good and above. By seeking truth from facts with regard to training targets, the fighters' enthusiasm for training was aroused to an even greater degree. [Text] [Beijing JIEFANGJUN BAO in Chinese 24 Feb 81 p 2]

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